IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 461-150 C# 1775 ISHIHARA, M. et al. SEP 0 8 2005 Examiner: Xu, L. Serial No. 10/681,133 Filed: October 9, 2003 Date: September 8, 2005 EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING FILTER WITH REINFORCED PERIPHERAL AREA Title: AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: minus highest number Total effective claims after amendment 26 previously paid for 26 (at least 20) =x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ Independent claims after amendment minus highest number x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ previously paid for (at least 3) =If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add \$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$ Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) paper and attachment(s) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) \$ \$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$ Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add Statement filed herewith Applicant claims "small entity" status. \$180.00 (1806) Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$40.00 (8021) Assignment Recording Fee

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 19, 2005, kindly enter the following remarks.

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Responsive to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Invention I, claims 1-8, for examination on the merits in this application. This election is made with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims 9-26.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.